



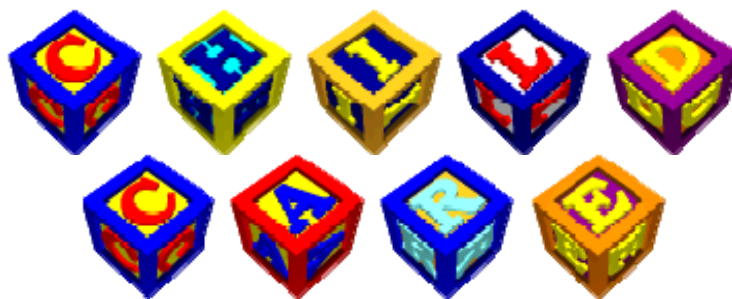
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To the Child Care Community

We are into the seventeenth year of our efforts to keep the child care community informed about licensing programs and services. The Updates continue to be an important method for sharing information. We appreciate your support in sharing these Updates with those in your organization and others interested in child care issues.

You may find the topic of your choice in each Update without having to scroll down. Just put your cursor over the blue highlighted subject heading that you wish to review, hold down the control and shift buttons at the same time, and you will be taken to that area of the Update.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR PLANS TO RETIRE

Jo Frederick, Deputy Director for the Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD), has just announced her plans to retire from state service.

Since starting work in 1977, she has worked for the California Department of Social Services and the State Legislature. Her contributions through the years have been in a number of key areas: training, emergency response, federal and state legislation, the refugee program, welfare reform and most recently in CCLD. When she first came to CCLD, she didn't know how long she would stay. After experiencing the "CCLD gets in your blood" feeling, Jo then wondered why she didn't come to CCLD earlier.

Jo has brought outstanding leadership to CCLD and she will be greatly missed. Although it is with great sadness that we must say good-bye to Jo, at the same time we wish her much happiness and good health as she moves on to new exciting life opportunities. Thank you, Jo, and we all hope our paths will cross again in the future!

In order to facilitate a smooth transition, Jo will remain on board until a replacement has been chosen.

LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

CHAPTERED LEGISLATION

It is the licensee's responsibility to be aware of any new requirements affecting their facility. A summary and implementation plan for pertinent bills chaptered in 2008 that affect child care facilities is available on the CCLD website at:
<http://ccl.dss.cahwnet.gov/PG830.htm>.

Unless otherwise noted in the summary and implementation plan, bills became effective January 1, 2009. We encourage licensees to review the summary and implementation plans to ensure compliance with the provisions of new laws. If you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact your local licensing regional office.

CALIFORNIA DIRECTOR/TEACHER CREDENTIALS

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) has instituted a new paperless policy called "view and print" when issuing director or teacher credentials. The CCTC reviews an applicant's request for a credential and instead of mailing the credential back to the applicant, the CCTC now e-mails the credential to the applicant and the applicant must print it out. We understand that CCTC has e-mailed all credential holders informing them of this change in procedure, but it is important that we explain how this new process affects licensing requirements.

Title 22, Section 101212(b)(1)(A), Reporting Requirements, specifies whenever a change in the child care center director is reported, in addition to his/her name, the report shall include a photocopy of a college transcript, or a photocopy of a Child Development Site Supervisor Permit or a Child Development Program Director Permit issued by the CCTC.

Title 22, Section 101215.1(h)(4), Child Care Center Director Qualifications and Duties, specifies a Child Development Site Supervisor Permit or Child Development Program Director Permit issued by the CCTC as one of four ways an individual may qualify as a child care center director.

Title 22, Section 101216.1(c)(3), Teacher Qualifications and Duties, specifies one of the following Child Care Development Permits issued by the CCTC qualifies an individual as a teacher in a child care center:

- Child Development Associate Teacher Permit
- Child Development Teacher Permit
- Child Development Master Teacher Permit

Title 22, Section 101216.1(g), Teacher Qualifications and Duties, requires a photocopy of the teacher's Child Development Permit as specified in Section 101216.1(c)(3) above, or a photocopy of the teacher's transcript(s) documenting successful completion of required course work, shall be maintained at the center.

The new CCTC process still meets regulatory requirements that a photocopy of the credential or permit be available for review by licensing staff. Directors need to have their qualifications submitted to the licensing office and teachers need to have their qualifications on file at the facility.

The CCTC also has a service that allows teachers and directors to review their credentials by inputting their Social Security number and birth date in the appropriate box on the CCTC website:

<https://teachercred.ctc.ca.gov/teachers/PersonalSearchProxy>.

If you have questions regarding this, you may contact the CCTC Information Services Unit at (888) 921-2682, or by e-mail at: credentials@ctc.ca.gov.

USE OF STACKED OR TIERED CRIBS PROHIBITED

Child Care Regional Offices have been receiving a large number of inquiries regarding the use of stacked or tiered cribs in child care facilities. Title 22, Section 101439.1, Infant Centers, prohibits the use of stacking wall cribs, or cribs stacked one on top of another. Also, Health and Safety Code, Section 1597.30 and Title 22, Section 102423(a)(2) require Family Child Care Homes to provide safe, healthful, and

comfortable accommodations, furnishings and equipment. Stacked or tiered cribs are considered unsafe because they limit the ability of staff to see infants and limit the infant's ability to stand up. They may also pose a fire safety risk.

GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

RECALL OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING PEANUT BUTTER

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued a nationwide recall on various peanut butter products due to illnesses caused by a type of Salmonella called Salmonella Typhimurium.

Some of the recalls involve foods sold directly to consumers, such as peanut butter crackers, peanut butter cookies, and ice cream made with peanut butter. A list of recalled products can be found at:

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/index.cfm>.

Additionally, some pet food items have been recalled due to the contamination of Salmonella Typhimurium. For a list of these products, please visit the following link at:

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/index.cfm#PetFood>

The Salmonella group of bacteria is a common cause of diarrheal illness among persons in the United States. These bacteria are often found in the digestive tract of a variety of animals, as well as humans. Persons with Salmonella infections often experience fever, stomach cramps, nausea and vomiting in addition to diarrhea. Symptoms may persist for two weeks or more, but are usually gone within a week.

Salmonella is present in the feces of ill and recently recovered persons and infections may be spread from person to person. Most persons are believed to have acquired their infections from contaminated food. In addition to food borne illnesses, pets, especially animals such as turtles, lizards and birds, often carry Salmonella in their digestive tracts.

While child care providers are most likely to encounter this condition as a result of infection outside their facility, they need to be aware of good hygiene and safe food handling and storage practices to prevent food borne illness from occurring within their facility. Providers may reduce the likelihood of Salmonella and other infections by following [The Basics of Disease Prevention](#), a PowerPoint presentation developed by the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health, Acute Communicable Disease Control Program.

Safe Food Handling and Preparation Self-Assessment Guides are also available on the Child Care Licensing Website, Child Care Advocate Program webpage:

<http://cclcd.ca.gov/PG496.htm>.

Be sure to notify your state or local health department if you become aware that a child or staff person in your facility is infected with Salmonella and follow-up with a report to Licensing as required pursuant to Title 22 Regulations, Section 101212 (Child Care Centers) and Section 102416.2 (Family Child Care Homes).

For any additional information regarding the recall and Salmonella Typhimurum, please visit the Food and Drug Administration website at: <http://www.fda.gov/>.

CRIB RECALL

Federal regulators are recalling more than 1.5 million **Delta** cribs following the deaths of two infants. The recall is being conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission ([CPSC](http://www.cpsc.gov/)). For specific information regarding this recall, please visit the CPSC, Office of Information and Public Affairs at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml09/09017.html>, and the Delta Enterprise crib recall web site at: <http://www.cribrecallcenter.com/>

HIGH CHAIR RECALL

Nearly 100,000 **Majestic** high chairs made by Evenflo have been recalled after reports of dozens of injuries to children when the seat backs fell off. For specific information regarding this recall, please visit the CPSC, Office of Information and Public Affairs at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml09/09069.html>.

STROLLER RECALL

Some 1,600 **Phil & Teds Dash Buggy strollers**, made in China and imported by Regal Lager, Inc. have been recalled because the frame handle could fail to latch properly and break, posing a fall hazard to small children. For details, please visit the CPSC, Office of Information and Public Affairs at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml09/09067.html>. You may also call 1-800-593-5522, or visit their website at: www.regallager.com.

It is important to stay current on consumer recalls. All too often, consumers don't learn of a recall until it's too late. For up-to-date recall information, visit the California State Department of Consumer Affairs website at: www.consumeraffairs.com and click on "Recalls" at the top of the webpage.

HIB VACCINE SHORTAGE CONTINUES IN 2009

In the May 2008 Child Care Update, we announced a nationwide shortage of the Haemophilus Influenzae type b (Hib) vaccine. This shortage continues for 2009 and the California Department of Public Health has issued an updated [Special Immunization Schedule \(SIS\) for 2009](#) and California Immunization Requirements for Child Care fact sheet, which is available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

To recap, SIS abbreviates the Hib requirement as follows:

- Children ages 15 months to 4 ½ years may enter day care *if they have received one dose of the Hib vaccine at any age*.
 - ✓ The CCLD's Child Care Licensing Program has issued a statewide policy to ensure that care providers meeting this interim guideline are not cited.
- Child care providers are required to comply with all other immunization requirements for licensed child care facilities, as they remain the same, including:
 - ✓ Parents' rights to refuse immunizations due to personal beliefs,
 - ✓ Allowable exceptions (e.g., a medical exemption).
- The SIS is expected to be in effect through 2009

Please direct any questions you may have to the [Immunization Coordinator at your local health department](#) or your local [Child Care Program Regional Office](#).

PREVENTING CHILDHOOD BURNS

[Safe Kids Worldwide](#) is a global network of organizations whose mission is to prevent accidental childhood injury, a leading killer of children 14 and under. Safe Kids combines several factors to create programs that reduce injuries by educating adults and children, creating safe environments, conducting research, and advocating for effective laws. The Child Care Program is working closely with Safe Kids USA who provides us with child safety information on a regular basis. This Update period, the topic is [Preventing Childhood Burns](#). Please take a few minutes to review this very useful and important flyer. Be sure to visit the [Safe Kids USA](#) website which contains a significant amount of information and resources related to child safety.

DISASTER PLANNING RESOURCES

There are millions of children under the age of five in child care each week and millions of child care workers are untrained for disasters. Few states require child care facilities to even plan for disasters other than a fire. Therefore, the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies has published a comprehensive, viable disaster preparedness and recovery plan for child care providers: ["Keeping Children Safe: A Policy Agenda for Child Care in Emergencies."](#)

The Keeping Children Safe Report is the beginning of a campaign to raise awareness, change policy, and ensure that the child care and emergency management communities can work together to protect the nation's children during a time of crisis.

Click on the following blue link for additional information and downloadable resources on children and disasters and disaster planning materials: <http://www.naccrra.org/disaster/>

Disaster Planning Self-Assessment Guides for Homes and Centers are also available on the Child Care Licensing Website, Child Care Advocate Program webpage: <http://cclld.ca.gov/PG496.htm>.

MISSING CHILDREN—1 IN 5 ARE AFRICAN AMERICAN

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) has issued a bulletin announcing February as [Black History Month](#), commemorating the lives of our ancestors and celebrating our leaders of tomorrow—our children.

NCMEC reported that nearly 800,000 children are reported missing to law enforcement each year and **1 in 5 are African American**. NCMEC encourages us to work together to help reduce the incidents of missing and exploited African American children and has developed resources and implemented campaigns that give communities the necessary tools to take charge:

Help protect children in the African American Community

- [Hang a poster in your local grocery store, school, community center or office.](#)
- [Search for and distribute local missing child photos in your neighborhood.](#)
- [Learn about the Campaign Against Child Sexual Exploitation.](#)
- [Host an event in your community.](#)
- [Learn 25 ways to make children safer.](#)
- [Learn about National Missing Children's Day.](#)
- [Learn about Internet Safety.](#)
- [Talk to children about safety.](#)

Get Involved! [Learn how you can help keep children safer.](#)

This campaign reaches beyond racial lines and reflects the American spirit. We encourage you to visit the NCMEC website at: www.missingkids.com. There you will find valuable resources and information for [caregivers](#) and [parents and guardians](#) on how to keep children safer.

BE PREPARED FOR WINTER WEATHER

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), in response to forecasts, urges Californians to be proactive and prepare for potential exposure to freezing temperatures and cold winds. The CCLD Website: <http://www.cclld.ca.gov/> has information on cold weather tips as well as a link to the OES webpage which offers more information on cold weather preparedness. This is also a good time to update Emergency/Disaster Plans to ensure that facility plans will adequately meet the needs of children in care.



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MYCCL WEB PORTAL

We are pleased to announce the new [MyCCL Web Portal](#)! This is our first step in the development of a web based licensing information center and the future of Community Care Licensing.

- Securely register your e-mail address
- Update your emergency contact information
- Sign up for periodic information releases and content
- Participate in surveys

Register today and check the website often as we expand our service features!

FURLOUGH FRIDAYS

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order, all Community Care Licensing offices will be closed two days per month—the first and third Friday of each month. This is also known as Furlough Fridays. Furlough Fridays start February 6th and, as of this writing, will continue for approximately 18 months.

MILLER EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION INITIATIVE

“One of our children said to another, ‘I’m not going to play with you because your skin is dirty.’ Well, his skin wasn’t dirty, it was brown. And because of the training, the teacher immediately knew how to respond.” –Early Childhood Center Director

The Miller Early Childhood Initiative of A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE[®] Institute (The Initiative) of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) provides anti-bias training and

resources for the early childhood community. The goal of The Initiative is to assist caregivers, educators, and family members in creating and sustaining bias-free early childhood programs and homes that encourage children to appreciate diversity at an age when the seeds of prejudice can begin to take root. To achieve this goal, ADL's A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® Institute trained facilitators deliver workshops to early childhood caregivers, educators, and family members. Facilitator techniques such as small and large group discussion, role plays, videos, case studies, and goal setting increase participants' understanding of bias and discrimination and provide ways to effectively interrupt acts of bigotry. All workshop participants receive print materials, created in partnership with Sesame Workshop™, offering anti-bias guidance and activities that easily integrate into daily routines.

Workshops are available for educators, caregivers and family members of preschool age children. Family and caregiver workshops are available in Spanish. Visit them online at www.adl.org/education/miller.

To learn more about A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® Institute and The Miller Early Childhood Initiative, or to bring a workshop to your site or program, please contact your local Anti-Defamation League Regional Office:

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"The workshops provided a wonderful opportunity to explore extremely important, but sometimes difficult, issues with my colleagues. It offered support, ideas and resources on how to combat bias and prejudice - not only in my work and institution, but in society in general." –Early Childhood Educator.

PEST MANAGEMENT SURVEY

In the last [Child Care Update, October 2008](#), we announced our work with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and the University of California at Berkeley Center for Children's Environmental Health Research to help make indoor environments healthier and safer for children. Two thousand child care centers were randomly selected to complete a short survey about pesticide use and pest management practices in the facility. A self-addressed envelope was included with the survey. However, the survey itself did not include the return address information. If you have misplaced the return envelope, please return your survey to: Department of Pesticide Regulation, 1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4105, Sacramento, CA 95812-4015.

LICENSED CHILD CARE STATISTICS

Enclosed are the most recent [statistics on licensed child care facilities and capacities](#). Further breakouts by category and location are available.

SUMMARY

If you have questions about items included in this Update, or suggestions for future topics, please contact Gloria Merk, Program Administrator, at (916) 229-4500. You may also visit our internet website at www.cclld.ca.gov to obtain copies of licensing updates, office locations, provider letters, regulations, forms, the Licensing Evaluator Manual, or to learn more about licensing programs and services.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Jo Frederick

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